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1. Firing of several batteries was heard from the Letzling Heath (E 53/Y 53) training area throughout the afternoon of 27 July. The following motor columns were seen passing through Doebbelin:

27 July, 12 noon. Nine trucks, including [REDACTED] occupied by troops and towing 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 4 x 120-mm mortars; proceeding toward Stendal.

27 July, 6 p.m. Part of the column of 22 prime movers, each carrying 17 soldiers and towing a 100-mm AT gun, proceeding toward Letzling Heath.

27 July, 7 p.m. About 15 trucks, [REDACTED] towing 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 7 x 120-mm mortars, proceeding toward Letzling Heath.

2. On 1 August, the two three-story barracks buildings south of Beergitz were occupied by only a guard unit. [REDACTED] front of one of the buildings. Beergitz residents stated that the troops observed in the installation in July had allegedly returned to Stendal and Cardelegen. They said that from 500 to 600 artillery troops were bivouacking about 6 km south of Beergitz. [REDACTED] were seen driving in this direction. Reports of artillery pieces were heard from

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the training area at intervals of about 5 minutes. Between 2 and 5 p.m. on 1 August, three new three-story barracks buildings, each about 30 meters long, were under construction just south of the two old barracks buildings south of Loergitz. The rough brickwork of the new buildings had been completed. **

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